

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany • January 29, 2023 • 10 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals located in the pews. Mask wearing during worship is optional, but please continue to wear a mask while singing.*

THE WORD OF GOD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

OPENING HYMN • 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

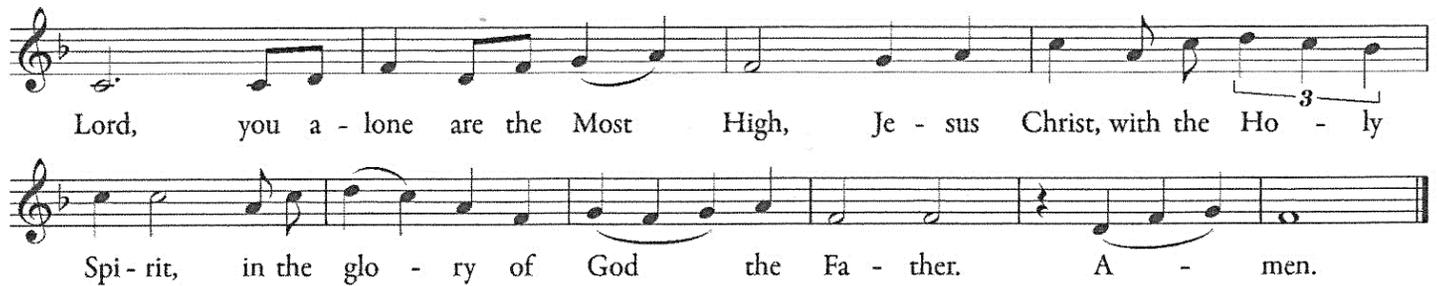
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

*Gloria in excelsis
Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the



THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET MICAH

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 *Domine, quis habitabit*



LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy | hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is | right, *
who speaks the truth from his | heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his | friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his | neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is re|jected, *
but he honors those who fear the | LORD.

He has sworn to do no | wrong *
and does not take back his | word.
He does not give his money in hope of | gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the | innocent.

† Whoever does these | things *
shall never be over|thrown.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this season of Epiphany, we pray for the church and its leaders throughout the world, that they may receive and share the light of God's revelation to all people.

Enlighten us, O God

We pray for an end to divisions within our nation. May God's Spirit of wisdom descend upon all in authority, and may we join them in working for the common good and to meet the needs of all those who make this land their home.

Protect and strengthen us, O God

We pray for God's people throughout the world, in every country and community. We pray that the leaders of the nations may obtain the wisdom and will to work together to confront human rights abuses and authoritarianism and to address climate change. We especially pray for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Guide them, O God

We pray for all who suffer from any illness or trouble, especially those affected by COVID-19; for all victims of prejudice, hatred, violence and oppression; for prisoners and their families; for refugees; for the unemployed and under-employed; for those without access to clean water; for those who do not have enough to eat; for victims of natural disasters; and for those who feel isolated and alone. We especially pray for healing for Carl.

Comfort and heal them, O God

We pray for all who have died, especially all those killed by gun violence in this past week.

Let your light shine upon them, O God

We invite you to offer your own thanksgivings and petitions, either aloud or in the silence of your heart.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support St. John's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

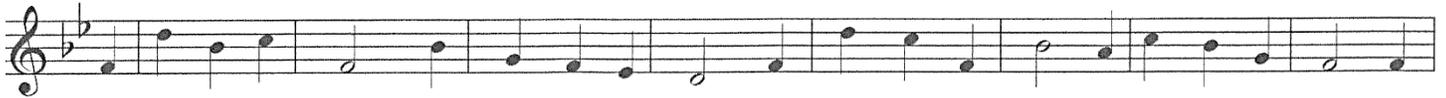
The Gift of Love

St. John's Choir
Hal. H. Hopson

PRESENTATION HYMN

O praise ye the Lord

Laudate Dominum



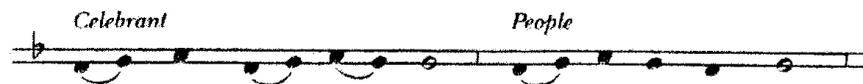
O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light; ye
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long! For



hea - vens a - dore him by whom ye were made, and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
love in cre - a - tion for hea - ven re - stored, for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

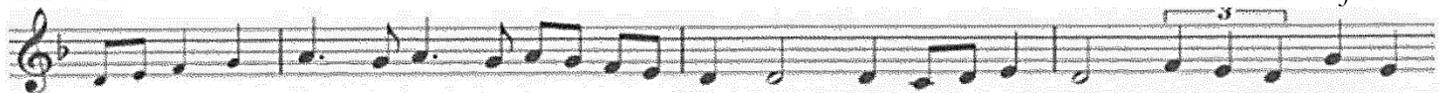


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

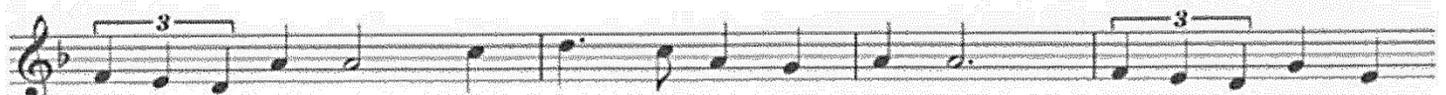
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Robert J. Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John the Evangelist and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

GREAT AMEN

McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)



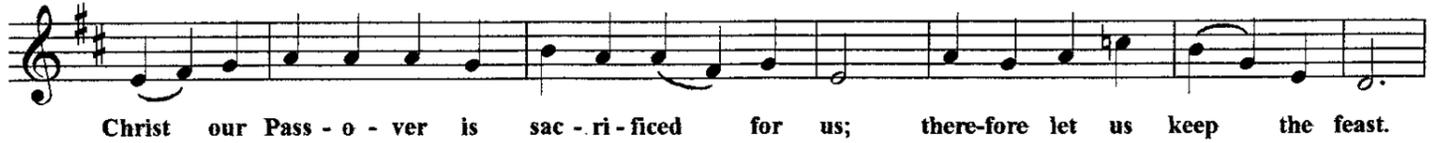
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



All who are worshipping with us remotely are invited to say this prayer:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN • 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • 782 (*Green Hymnal*)

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Abbot's Leigh

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here BWV 706

Johann Sebastian Bach



We are glad you are with us!

To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this live, or on-demand:
thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!
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go to www.stjohnsboonton.org, and click the "Give Here" link on the right side.
Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



Leading and supporting our worship today

The Reverend Sharon Sheridan Hausman *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Jr. *Deacon*

Mr. Robert Gangewere *Organist and Choirmaster*

Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*

Ms. Ellen Bomser *Lector*

Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Michelle Capobianco Riegel, Ms. Kathy Cascone,

Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert *Choir*

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is given to the glory of God by the people of Saint John's.

WARDENS: Sharon Liparini and Debbie Henschel **VESTRY:** Kathy J. Cascone, Fran Maenza, Joan Magrane, Michelle Riegel, Sandra Lee Schubert, Carl Sparano. **TREASURER:** Ellen Bomser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Diocesan Convention** will meet Feb. 3-4 at the Hilton Meadowlands. **North Porch Women and Infants' Centers** will collect items for children 3 and younger; please **bring any donations to church this Sunday** so our deputation can bring them to the convention. Ellen Bomser, Joan Magrane, Michelle Riegel, Deacon John and Rev. Sharon will represent St. John's. Anyone wishing to attend convention as a guest can register here: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/registration-convention-guest-2023>.
- The annual **service celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones**, the first black person ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, will be held Sunday, **Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. at the cathedral** in Newark. This is always a joyful celebration, and it's a great opportunity to worship with our bishop at our cathedral.
- Are you interested in serving as an **acolyte, eucharistic minister or eucharistic visitor?** Rev. Sharon will lead a **training session on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1:15 p.m.** Please let her know if you want to attend.
- **Thank you** to all who have assisted in making our **Saturday Luncheon Socials** a success. Spread the word to anyone who would like to come for a good meal and conversation each week from noon to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. **If you can help**, please let Sharon Liparini know at Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com.
- **Join us at coffee hour** for refreshment and fellowship after each Sunday service. **To help** with a future coffee hour, reach out to any of our vestry members.
- Would you like to **dedicate altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp** to a special person? Sign up at church or contact Kathy Cascone at casconek@yahoo.com.

We welcome you to join us in worship whenever you can, either in person
or via our Zoom Livestream (email admin@St.JohnsBoonton.org for Zoom log-on information)

Sundays at 10 a.m. - Choral Eucharist with a Sermon, the first and third Sunday.

Morning Prayer with a Sermon on the second and fourth Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday will be either Choral Eucharist or Morning Prayer.

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